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¶1. POLCOUNS on April 5 raised reftel points urging the GOK to support the U.S. for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council with Dr. Hamad Bu Rahamah, Counselor in MFA's International Organization's Department, stressing the USG's commitment to addressing global human rights and to rendering the HRC more effective.

¶2. Bu Rahamah, after a rather lengthy statement concerning the need for the HRC to take a balanced view on global human rights issues that would not ignore or overlook human rights abuses committed by Israel, informed POLCOUNS that the GOK values USG contributions to the global human rights dialogue and will support it for a seat during the May election.

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